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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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10/617,024	07/11/2003	Unassigned	Pending	Watanabe, et al.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 63-149669 is discussed at least at page 4, line 21 *et. seq.* of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,851,960 and U.S. Reissued Patent No. 35,581 are identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 63-149669.

Japanese Patent Document No. 200-215798 is discussed at least at page 7, line 3 *et. seq.* of the specification.

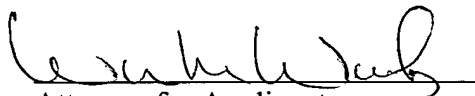
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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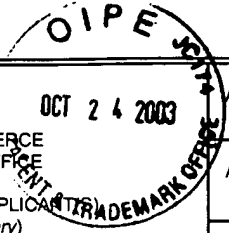
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		63-149669	06/22/88	Japan			Abstract
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